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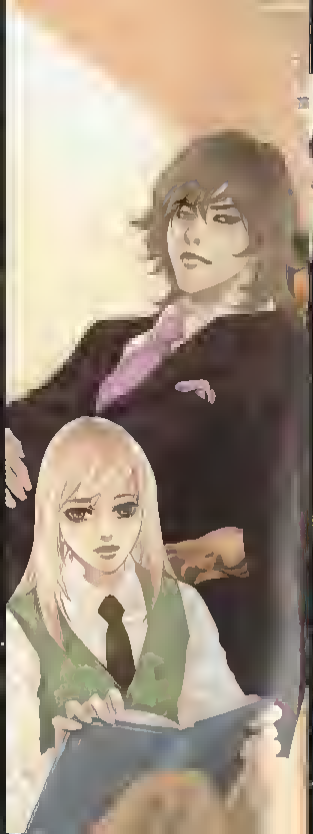

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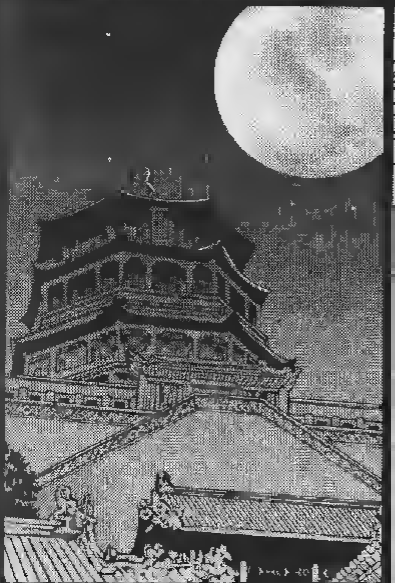
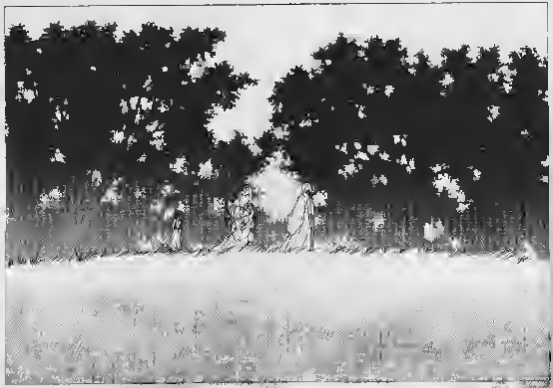




SHOVE

CREAK
CRASH
SHHHH

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THIS HUMBLE PLACE, YOUR HIGHNESS —
SHAHRYAR — !

HAVE YOU ANY NEWS OF SEHARA?
I SEE
WHEN WE HEARD THAT YOU WERE DEAD
MASERU AND I WERE SO SAD...
BUT OUR SADNESS WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO SEHARA'S GRIEF —

HMM. SO HOW WAS TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD?
OH. THAT REMINDS ME
THIS IS FOR YOU.
HUH? WHAT IS IT?
EYEGLASSES!
IF YOU PUT THESE LOOPS BEHIND YOUR EARS, THE GLASSES WILL STAY IN PLACE.
WOW. THIS IS AMAZING. I'D THOUGHT ABOUT MAKING SOMETHING SIMILAR, BUT I GUESS SOMEONE BEAT ME TO IT!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO I LOOK GOOD?
WHAT?
HOW IS DUNYA DOING?
HOW STRANGE FOR YOU TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE
WELL, SHE IS SEHARA'S ONLY SIBLING AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE IS
DUNYA IS BUSY PREPARING FOR HER WEDDING
WEDDING?! TO WHOM?

ALI PROPOSED TO HER.
HMM... IT WASN'T UNEXPECTED, BUT...
HOWEVER, DUNYA SAYS SHE CAN'T MARRY UNTIL SHE HEARS FROM SEHARA
SIGH
COME, LET'S HAVE DINNER!
I BET YOU'VE MISSED THE FOOD HERE —!

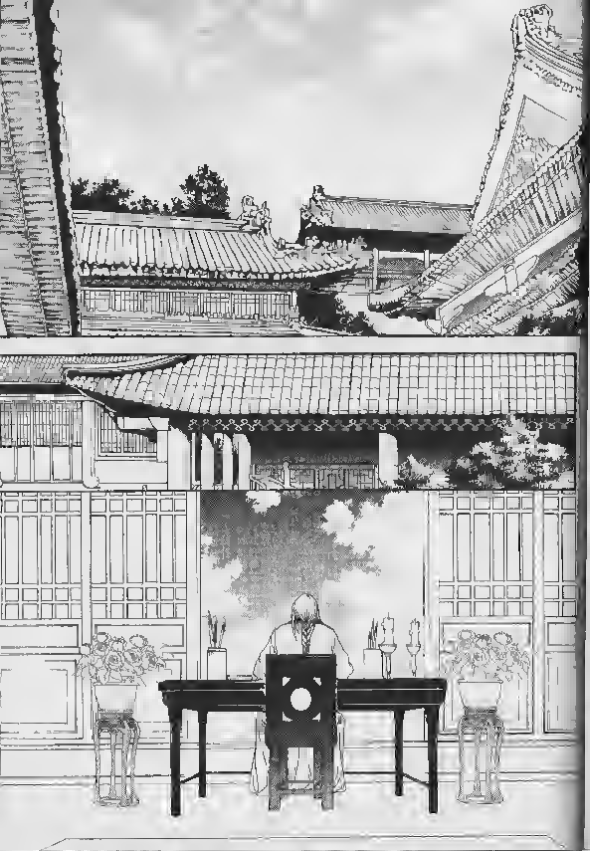
OHHH——! THERE'S A NEW VOLUME IN THIS SERIES
YOU CERTAINLY READ A LOT OF BOOKS
I'M IN TRADE. IF YOU'RE EVER IN THE MARKET FOR IMPORTED BOOKS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I'LL ONLY CHARGE YOU COST PLUS TRANSPORTATION.
OH—
BY THE WAY, WHY HASN'T THE LAST INSTALLMENT OF THIS BOOK BEEN PUBLISHED? DID THE WRITER DIE DURING THE WAR?
NO, NO—! HE IS JUST LAZY.

YOU—!
OH—! A CUSTOMER. HOW MAY I HELP YOU, SIR? I HAVE MANY GOODS FROM FAR AND WIDE!
YOU KNOW SEHARA, DON'T YOU?
WH- WHO ARE YOU?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

SH-SHAHRY—!!
SHHH!
I-I HEARD YOU WERE DEAD...!!
JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE ESHARA IS?
I D-DON'T KNOW
NO?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD FROM HIM?
NO
N-NO YOUR HIGHNESS
IF YOU SEE OR HEAR FROM ESHARA—
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
NEVER MIND.
SHHK
P
ALIVE
HAHEEM CAN BE CHARGED HIGH PRICE
HE'S A THIEF
WHAT'S GOING ON? SHAHRYAR IS STILL ALIVE.
IT WON'T BE GOOD IF ESHARA FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS.

I'M GOING AHEAD!?
YES, MASTER.
SWEEP SWEEP
LICK
TOK
TOK
TOK TOK
HEY...
JUMP
LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING.

JAFAR—!
I'VE DISCOVERED SEHARA'S LOCATION!
PLEASE TELL DUNYA THAT I WILL BRING SEHARA BACK BEFORE THE WEDDING.
KRSHHH
I'VE FINALLY FOUND HIM!
SEHARA'S IN
BEIJING!



GEHARA—!
♡
HI LINGLING
ARE YOU WRITING SOMETHING?
I'M LEARNING ARABIC THESE DAYS CAN I SEE?
EL GRAF
HEY!
IS THIS YOUR LIFE STORY?
NO... I JUST THOUGHT THAT

...IF I COMMITTED IT ALL TO PAPER...
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO LET GO OF HIM

SHHRR
RRRRR

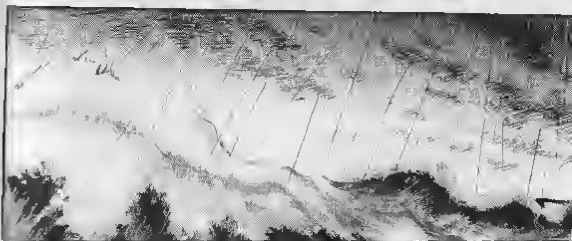
WHEN MY GRANDFATHER COMES BACK, I'LL ASK HIM TO PUBLISH THIS

THIS WILL BE POPULAR
N-NO I DO NOT WANT THAT...

WHIP
WHIP
WHETHER YOU RE IN THE EAST OR WEST THIS KIND OF BOOK SELLS BIG—!
I AM NOT WRITING THIS TO MAKE MONEY
YOU REALLY ARE SUCH A STUBBORN MAN—!
YOU'RE STUCK LIVING IN MY GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE AND IN CONSTANT DANGER OF HIS ADVANCES! ALL BECAUSE YOU'RE PENNILESS...
PLEASE FILL MY OLD BODY WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL ENERGY!
STILL...
I CANNOT DO THAT
OH FINE—! BUT WHEN YOU WRITE SOMETHING ELSE, PROMISE ME YOU'LL PUBLISH IT?
SURE
THEN I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM GRANDFATHER
YOU JUST KEEP ENJOYING THOSE BOOKS OF YOURS AND
..HAVE A CUTE SON WITH MEEE~!
I'M ON THE RIGHT FOR A HUSBAND YOU KNOW
-OOSHH-
WHOO-

BY THE WAY THIS MAN IS PRETTY AMAZING...
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CAN'T FORGET HIM
SULTAN SHAHRYAR...!
HUH! IS THIS POSITION EVEN POSSIBLE?!
REALLY THOSE INDIANS...

KRRRRAKOOM



KRAROOM
KRAROOM
CRRRACK
CRACK
CRACK
UNTIE THE ROPE!
!

SEHARA—!
BOLT
HOW'S IT GOING?
I JUST HAD TO COME SEE BECAUSE I'M SO CURIOUS ABOUT THE END OF YOUR BOOK
SHIP
BUT I GUESS IT'S NOT GOING SO WELL
THUNK
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO END IT...
YOU DON'T NEED TO WRITE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.
WHY DON'T YOU WRITE THE ENDING AS YOU WISH IT TO HAPPEN INSTEAD?

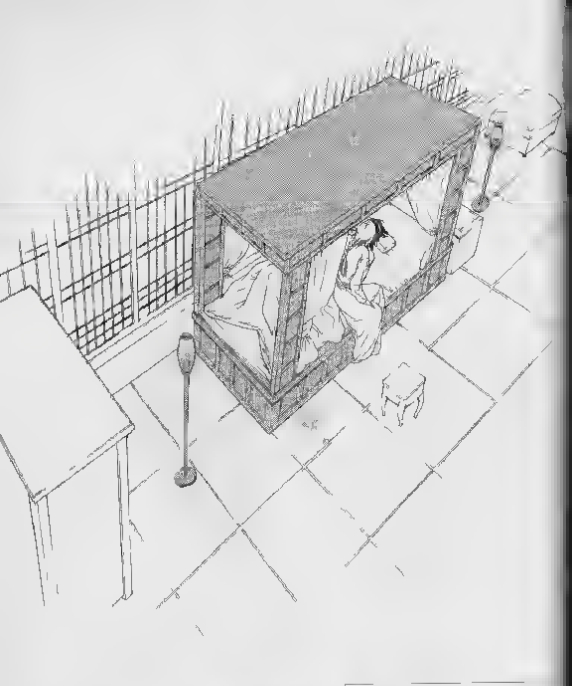
COME HERE!
MY ROYAL BARD!
THIS IS ..
..THE ENDING FOR WHICH I WISH
SULTAN SHAHRYAR —!
THE ENDING THAT CAN NEVER HAPPEN.

TAK
CLICK
PHEW
WHOOSH!

THE BASTARD WENT THIS WAY!
THERE HE IS!
RUSH
YOU FOUL SWINE!
BARBARIAN! HOW DARE YOU TRESPASS HERE?!
ZOSH
POW
AHHH—! PLEASE! STOP!
ZOSH
POW
ZOSH
POW
SULTAN SHAHRYAR—?!
SE
SOLT
WHUMP
SLOW PAUSE

SULTAN SHAHRYAR
—!
PAUSE
I FOUND YO
DROP
GE HARA
TAKE HIM INSIDE

GRAB



YOU KNOW...

...IN INDIA, THERE'S THIS GOD KAMA, THE GOD OF LOVE.

YES, IT IS SAID THAT HE WHO IS STRUCK BY KAMA'S ARROW WILL FALL IN LOVE.

REALLY? ANYWAY, SO INDRA, THE LEADER OF ALL THE GODS, CALLED HIM ONE DAY.

THE GOD OF LIGHTNING IS THE LEADER OF ALL THE HINDU GODS?! IT IS THE SAME IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY!

FORGIVE ME, PLEASE, DO GO ON.

INDRA GAVE KAMA AN ORDER
MAKE SHIVA, THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION, FALL IN LOVE!
LUCKILY, SHIVA HAD LONG BEEN IN DEEP MEDITATION.
IT WAS EASY TO STRIKE HIM SINCE HIS EYES WERE CLOSED AND HE WASN'T MOVING.
KAMA SLOWLY AIMED HIS BOW AT SHIVA.
THOUGH KAMA'S ARROW PIERCED SHIVA'S HEART,
SHIVA WAS FURIOUS THAT HIS MEDITATION HAD BEEN INTERRUPTED, AND THUS OPENED HIS THIRD EYE.
DESTRUCTIVE RAYS POURED FROM SHIVA'S EYES—!
KAMA WAS HIT BY ONE SUCH RAY AND HIS BODY TURNED TO ASH.
SWOOSH!
HA! RAYS FROM HIS EYES? WHAT IS THAT—?!
G-GORRY.

TIME PASSED AND THE GODS GATHERED TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION...

...FOR THERE WAS A PROPHECY THAT TOLD OF MANKIND'S DOOM.

THIS PROPHECY SAID SHIVA HAD BEEN REBORN AS A HUMAN ON EARTH, AND...

...HE WOULD BRING RUIN TO THE HUMAN WORLD WHEN HE CAME TO REALIZE HIS TRUE IDENTITY AS THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION

SHIVA'S AVATAR* WOULD BE HURT BY THE WOMAN HE LOVED.

AND HIS THIRD EYE WOULD OPEN ONCE MORE DUE TO HIS ANGER AND DESPAIR

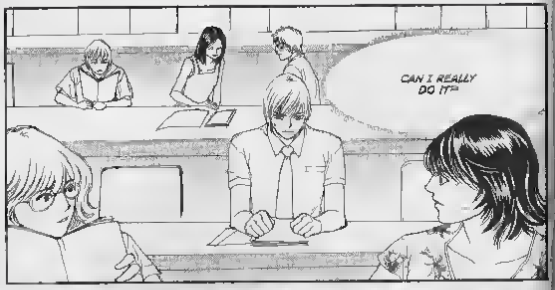
*A GOD REBORN AS A HUMAN

AND SO THE GODS DECIDED TO REVIVE KAMA FROM DEATH.

...IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE OBJECT OF SHIVA'S AFFECTION WOULD RETURN HIS SENTIMENTS.

NAME	GE HAYUN
AGE	20 YEARS OLD
BLOOD TYPE	AB
SIGN OF THE ZODIAC	CAPRICORN

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAVE YOUR VALOR?
YES
NO
CLICK
I AM REBORN—!
AS A HUMAN...
LIKE I SAID EARLIER, YOUR JOB IS TO MAKE YUN-HEE PARK FALL IN LOVE WITH IL-HO GA.
YOU HAVE TO GET IT DONE BEFORE IL-HO REALIZES HIS TRUE IDENTITY.
KAMA— MANY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR REBIRTH.
THANK YOU, VISHNU!
PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE FUTURE OF HUMANKIND DEPENDS ON YOU—!


CAN I REALLY DO IT?

MY BODY WAS DEAD FOR FOUR THOUSAND YEARS BECAUSE OF MY MISTAKE
IF THAT HAPPENS AGAIN...
GULP

SHAKE
SHAKE

IF SHINA'S THIRD EYE OPENS AGAIN I WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE WHO WILL PERISH. SO WILL EVERY SINGLE HUMAN BEING!
I MUST BE BRAVE! IN THE NAME OF LOVE! AND THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE!
CLENCH!

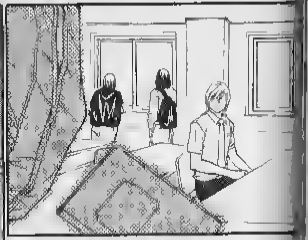
HE IS HERE!
I CAN SENSE SHINA'S ENERGY!

UHH IS THIS SEAT TAKEN?
UH... EXCUSE ME...
YES, SORRY MY FRIEND'S SITTING THERE
CAN'T YOU SEE IT'S TAKEN?
UHH
OH, THERE'S A SEAT OVER THERE!

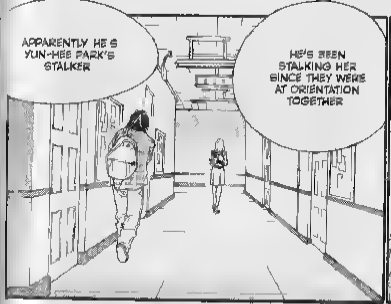
PARDON ME... CAN I SIT HERE?
AHH, SURE. GO AHEAD.
SHAKE
THANKS

THIS LOSER IS
SHIVA, THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION?!

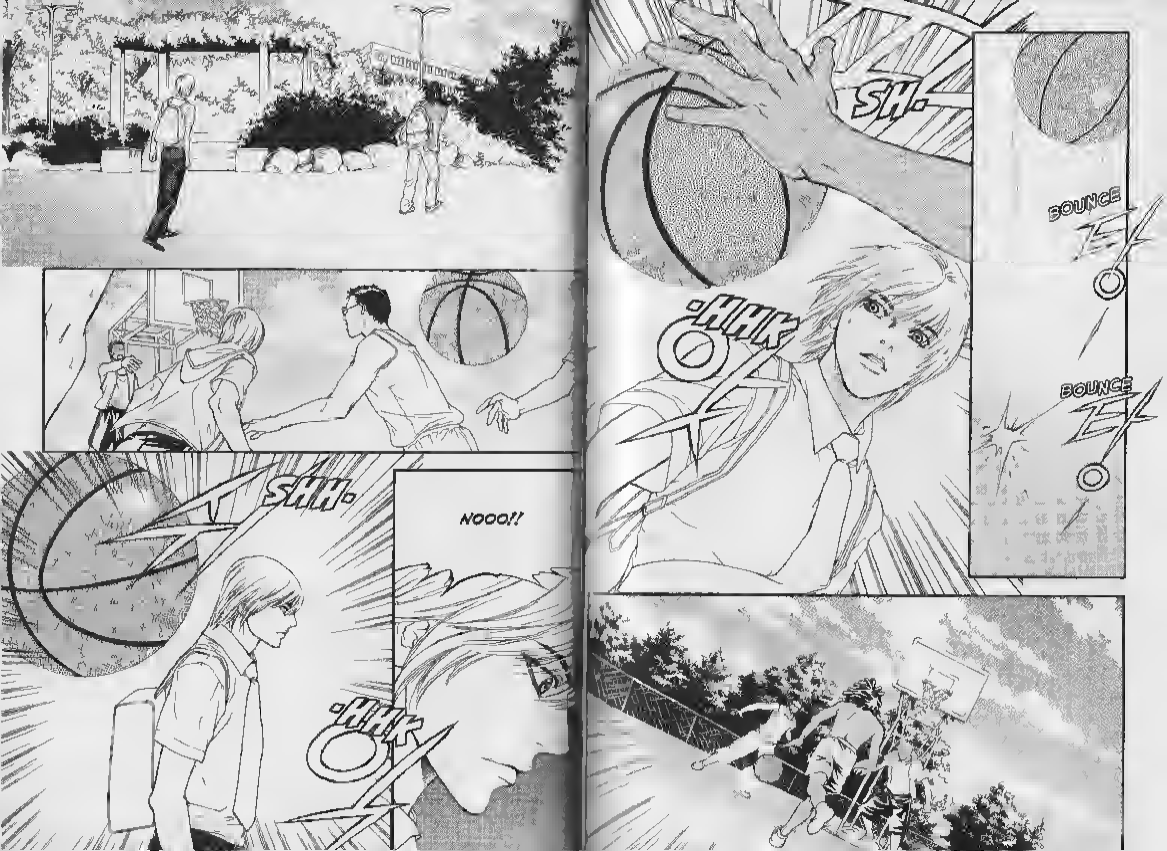
HORMONES FROM THE ENDOCRINE GLANDS ALLOW US TO FEEL LOVE
DOPAMINE IS A HORMONE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL ATTRACTED TO SOMEONE
ADRENALINE MAKES YOUR HEART FLUTTER AND YOU GET SO EXCITED YOU CAN'T SLEEP
AND THE HORMONE THAT CAUSES YOU TO ONLY SEE THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE'S GOOD SIDE
PEER
IS SEROTONIN THE SAYING "LOVE IS BLIND" EXISTS BECAUSE OF SEROTONIN
THEN THERE'S OXYTOCIN, THE CUDDLING HORMONE, WHICH MAKES YOU WANT TO HOLD YOUR LOVED ONE IN YOUR ARMS...
ENDORPHIN MAKES YOU HAPPY SO YOU CAN ENDURE ANY PAIN
AND PHENETHYLAMINE (PEA) CAUSES YOUR HEART TO OVERFLOW WITH JOY
AHHHH~! PROFESSOR~!!
WINK
THIS HORMONE REACHES PEAK LEVELS DURING ORGASM——!
AIEEEE~! FFFO

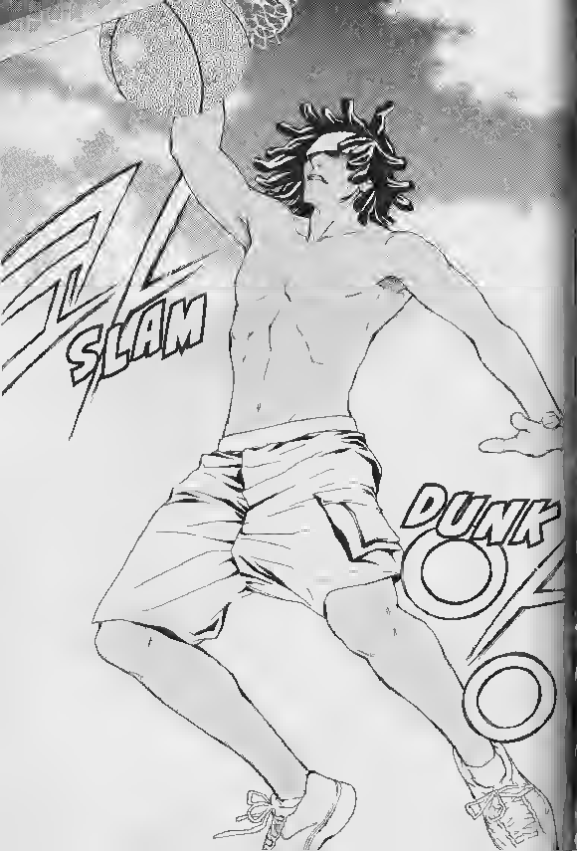


I HEARD IL-HO SA'S TOTALLY INSANE


APPARENTLY HE'S YUN-HEE PARK'S STALKER
HE'S BEEN STALKING HER SINCE THEY WERE AT ORIENTATION TOGETHER
HE'S NUTS YUN-HEE ISN'T EVEN THAT PRETTY

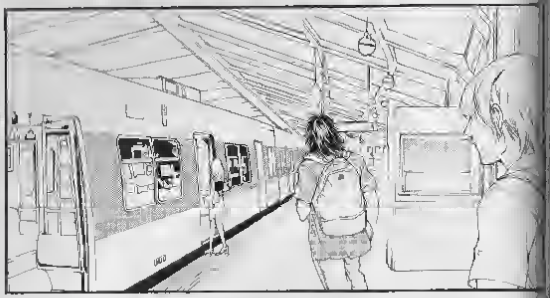
YUN-HEE PARK
YUN-HEE PARK IS MY WIFE


SH-
BOUNCE
AHK
BOUNCE
SHH-
NOOO!!
AHK


SLAM
DUNK

WOOHOO~!!
THAT WAS AMAZING!
UPPERCLASSMEN
FOR THE WIN!!
?

GLANCE
STASH!
히히힛쭉~
TEE-HEE~!
WHAT THE —?!
HE IS CREEPY!
WHOOOO



IF I WANT TO MAKE YUN-HEE PARK FALL IN LOVE WITH IL-HO...
...I HAVE TO GET THEM TO LOOK AT EACH OTHER...

HEY~!
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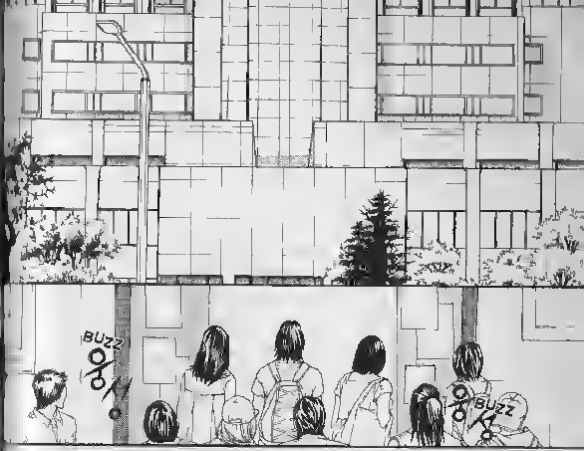
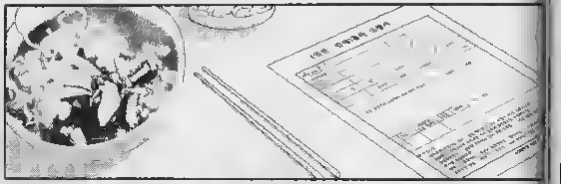


EXPOSING A STALKER!

STUDENT PARK IS BEING STALKED BY CLASSMATE IL-HO SA. DESPITE HER PLEAS TO BE LEFT ALONE, HE HAS FOLLOWED HER HOME SEVERAL TIMES. THE PARK FAMILY HAS REPORTED HIM TO THE POLICE, AND A RESTRAINING ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED AGAINST HIM. NONETHELESS, IL-HO SA CONTINUES TO HARASS PARK, AND IT HAS FORCED HER TO ASK THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR HELP. THUS, WE THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION HAVE DECIDED TO INFORM THE REST OF THE STUDENT BODY ABOUT IL-HO SA'S INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HAS BEEN BOMBARDED WITH PEOPLE DENOUNCING YOU
I THINK THE WOMEN'S STUDENT ASSOCIATION WENT TOO FAR IN REVEALING YOUR NAME BUT..
THE SCHOOL HAS DECIDED TO FORM A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE OF YOUR BEHAVIOR
AND BECAUSE THE COURT ISSUED A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST YOU YOU CAN'T TAKE ANY OF YOUR COKE CLASSES
I'LL HANDLE THE SCHOOL AND THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN THE MEANTIME SO
WHY DON'T YOU DO YOUR MILITARY SERVICE NOW?
IT'S BEFORE MIDTERMS, SO YOU CAN TAKE TIME OFF FROM SCHOOL...
THE MILITARY STINT IS REQUIRED AT SOME POINT ANYWAY
SO GO AND GET IT OVER WITH NOW AND TAKE THE CHANCE TO CLEAR YOUR HEAD



MAY I SIT BESIDE YOU?
SLURP
밥
SLURP
SLURP
SLURP

SLURP

SLURP
SLURP
SLURP

LIKE A BOLT
CRASH
P
SINCE I RETURNED YOUR NOTEBOOK
.. HOW ABOUT TEACHING ME POWERPOINT?
ERM, AHEM UM.. THIS IS YOUR NOTEBOOK, RIGHT?
SWITCH
TH-THANKS
COMS IN

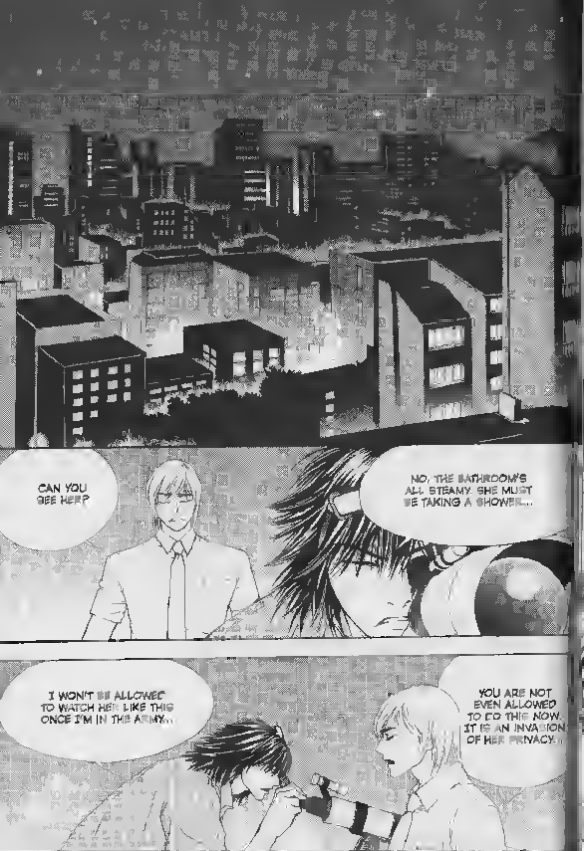
CLICK

OH...THERE'RE TOO MANY PIGEONS IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD...
!!
WH-WHAT IS THIS FOR?
GULP

BEEP
YOU REALLY LIKE... YUN-HEE PARK?
DID YOU SEE IT?
THE BULLETIN AT SCHOOL
YES..

I JUST LIKE HER... I JUST LOVE HER SO MUCH...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT LOVING SOMEONE
... COULD BE A CRIME
BUT PEOPLE SAY I SHOULDN'T LOVE HER
I TRIED NOT TO LOVE HER, BUT...
...I CAN'T GET HER OUT OF MY MIND
I CAN...
HELP YOU
REALLY?!
WOULD YOU BE HAPPY IF I GOT HER TO NOTICE YOU?
CLUTCH
THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO TEACH ME POWERPOINT, OKAY?
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CHILL OUT--! WAIT, LET ME CHECK E-MAIL FIRST—
LEVEL 2
SECURE LOGIN
PATIMA89
REMEMBER ME
LOG IN
HELP & REGISTRATION | FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?
KOREA
MAIL
CAFE
BLOG
INFORMATION
COMMUNITY
BLOG 101 WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRESENTATION
HELLO YUN HEE PARK!
6 MESSAGES
2 REPLIES
NEW REPLIES ON BLOG
JOINED CAFÉ
INFORMATION
MY STOCK
SEND TEXT
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DONATIONS
MAYER PHONE
SEARCH
BOOKMARK
CHANGE YOUR INFORMATION
BASTARD! WHOSE E-MAIL IS HE CHECKING?!!


CAN YOU SEE HER?
NO, THE BATHROOM'S ALL STEAMY. SHE MUST BE TAKING A SHOWER...
I WON'T BE ALLOWED TO WATCH HER LIKE THIS ONCE I'M IN THE ARMY...
YOU ARE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO DO THIS NOW. IT IS AN INVASION OF HER PRIVACY!

WHY NOT BECOME A DETECTIVE AFTER YOU GRADUATE? YOU WOULD BE GOOD AT IT...
I WAS CHARGED WITH STALKING TWICE. I HAVE A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST ME, AND I HAD TO SEE A SHRINK FOR TWENTY HOURS OF MANDATORY COUNSELING...
CAN I STILL WORK AS A DETECTIVE, YOU THINK?
WITH A RECORD LIKE THAT, GETTING INTO THE MILITARY MIGHT NOT EVEN BE POSSIBLE.
YEEEEES! SHE'S OUT!
TMP
KOTS

DAMMIT! WHAT A WASTE OF MY TIME —!
DEFT!
BY THE WAY, THIS IS A REALLY GOOD TELESCOPE. DID YOU BUY IT JUST TO WATCH HER?
NO...
THAT TELESCOPE WAS LEFT TO ME BY MY LATE MOTHER
MY MOM SHOWED ME THE STARS WITH THIS TELESCOPE WHEN I WAS LITTLE
SINCE IT RAINED YESTERDAY
I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE MORE STARS TONIGHT.
WHY... WOULD YOU USE SOMETHING OF SUCH SENTIMENTAL VALUE TO COMMIT A CRIME?

WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY?
MAY 5TH.
OH I GUESS YOU'RE LIKE THIS BECAUSE YOU'RE A TAURAN
WHAT ABOUT TAURUS?
STILL TAURANS ARE VERY PASSIONATE AND WILL DO ANYTHING FOR THEIR LOVED ONES...
THAT'S RIGHT I'D DO ANYTHING YUN-HEE ASKED
EXCEPT ONE THING——
STOP LOVING HER
YOU CAN LOVE SOMEONE WITHOUT STALKING THEM YOU KNOW...
AND THE LOVE OF A TAURAN IS USUALLY UNREQUITED SO IT IS BETTER TO DEVELOP YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HER SLOWLY START BY BEING FRIENDS...
ONCE SHE IS IN LOVE WITH YOU YOU WILL NEVER CHEAT ON HER~!
DO YOU GET REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO GIRLY COMIC MAGS OR SOMETHING?
WHAT KINDA GUY EVEN KNOWS THAT STUFF? SO LAME...
I AM NOT SURE WHAT TO THINK OF YOU OF ALL PEOPLE CALLING ME "LAME."
TAURANS ARE GIVEN TO BEING INCREDIBLY POSSESSIVE AND WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE, YOU WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE HAVE THAT PERSON
EVEN SEEING THE GIRL YOU LIKE TALKING TO ANOTHER MAN MAKES YOU JEALOUS
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT IF YUN-HEE GOES OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE WHILE I'M IN THE MILITARY, I'LL BECOME A DESERTER, FIND THE GUY AND SHOOT HIM DEAD THEN I'LL KILL MYSELF
DO YOU KNOW THE LEGEND OF TAURUS?
AFTER TALKING ABOUT LOVE AND STAR SIGNS NOW YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT GREEK MYTHOLOGY?
WHAT'S NEXT FAIRY TALES?

THERE WAS ONCE A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS NAMED EUROPA.
ZEUS, THE KING OF THE GODS WAS SMITTEN WITH HER.
HE TRANSFORMED INTO A WHITE BULL IN ORDER TO GET CLOSER TO EUROPA.
EUROPA SAW THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE BULL AND APPROACHED IT.
WHEN SHE GOT CLOSE ENOUGH IT KIDNAPPED HER
THE BULL THEN TOOK HER TO THE ISLAND OF CRETE AND RAPED HER
SAY WHAT?! THAT'S CRAZY SHE GOT DONE BY A BULL?
THAT'S LIKE SOME KINKY PORNO PLOT!
I-I GUESS SO
ZEUS USED THE STARS IN THE NIGHT SKY TO CREATE AN IMAGE OF TAURUS
IN ORDER TO COMFORT THE DEJECTED EUROPA
IT'S ABSURD ENOUGH TO BE RAPED BY A BULL BUT SHE HAD TO LOOK AT HER BOVINE RAPIST EVERY NIGHT
THAT'S NOT COMFORTING HER IT'S TORTURING HER WITH THE TRAUMA SHE CAN NEVER FORGET
A LOVE THAT DOES NOT CONSIDER FEELINGS OF THE OTHER IS JUST LIKE AN ASSAULT.
DAMMIT——!
.....
I WISH I COULD CHANGE INTO A BULL TOO
MU~ MOAN~

SO WHEN'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?
DECEMBER 25TH
BWA-HA-HA-HA! I THOUGHT I WAS CURSED 'COS I WAS BORN ON CHILDREN'S DAY, BUT
YOU'RE WORSE OFF THAN ME!
YOU HAVE SOME GREAT TRAITS
YOU'RE TAURUS AND I'M CAPRICORN...
OUR COMPATIBILITY IS PRETTY GOOD
I-I DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT KINDA STUFF!
SOMETIMES I DO NOT WISH TO BELIEVE IT EITHER——!
YOU CAN LOVE SO PASSIONATELY, FOR ONE THING
I HAVE NEVER LOVED...
...OR BEEN LOVED LIKE THAT...

SHIVA, THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION——
HIS LOVE IS SO DESPERATE AND URGENT THAT IT COULD CONSUME HIS BELOVED AS WELL AS HIMSELF.
I REALLY HOPE I CAN MAKE HER RETURN HIS LOVE.

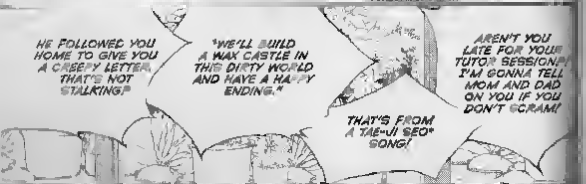
TOK
TOK
TOK

PAUSE
PAUSE

SHHK

IL-HO SA YOU'RE DEAD!
SWISH
EAT 60,000 VOLTS OF ELECTRICITY!
BZZZZT
*CELL PHONE-SHAPED TASER. ONE NINE VOLT BATTERY REQUIRED
WHAT'S THIS? A LETTER?
TO YUN-HEE WITH ALL MY LOVE
SOP
HOW DO YOU LIKE ME NOW? YOU PSYCHO —!
TWITCH
ZZZZ
SE-HA YUN?!
OH, WHAT HAVE I DONE? I WAS CONFUSED
I GOT IT ALL WRONG
JI-MAN? I'M IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE
CAN YOU COME OUT FOR A MINUTE?

"KOREAN MALE SINGER


HE FOLLOWED YOU HOME TO GIVE YOU A CREEPY LETTER. THAT'S NOT STALKING?!
"WE'LL BUILD A WAX CASTLE IN THIS DIRTY WORLD AND HAVE A HAPPY ENDING."
THAT'S FROM A TAE-JI SEO* SONG!
AREN'T YOU LATE FOR YOUR TUTOR SESSION?! I'M GONNA TELL MOM AND DAD ON YOU IF YOU DON'T SCRAM!

I'M SORRY...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY STALKER...
SHUDDER
YOU LIKE ME TOO...
I DIDN'T KNOW...
KRAA.
-KOOM
DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR ABOUT ME. I'M NOT A DIFFICULT GIRL
I'M NOT A SNOB EITHER
GAPE
GAPE
BZZT
BZZT
--!!
BZZT
WHAT'S WRONG?
--!!
OH NO! YOU'RE PANTS...

!!!!!!!!
SORRY. YOU SEEM TO HAVE HAD AN ACCIDENT. I GUESS YOUR MUSCLES ARE STILL IN SHOCK FROM THE TASER.
LET'S TAKE THESE OFF BEFORE THE BED GETS WET. I'LL GO GET A PAIR OF MY BROTHER'S PANTS.
—!!
~~~!!!!
GAPE
GAPE
TWITCH
TWITCH
DON'T BE SHY. I CHANGED MY BROTHER'S CLOTHES WHEN HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL TOO.
IT'S MY FAULT THAT YOU'RE LIKE THIS. I'D FEEL WORSE IF YOU WERE EMBARRASSED.
SHHF
KRRRRRR
GLA-
-RE
SH-SHIVA'S THIRD EYE IS OPEN—!
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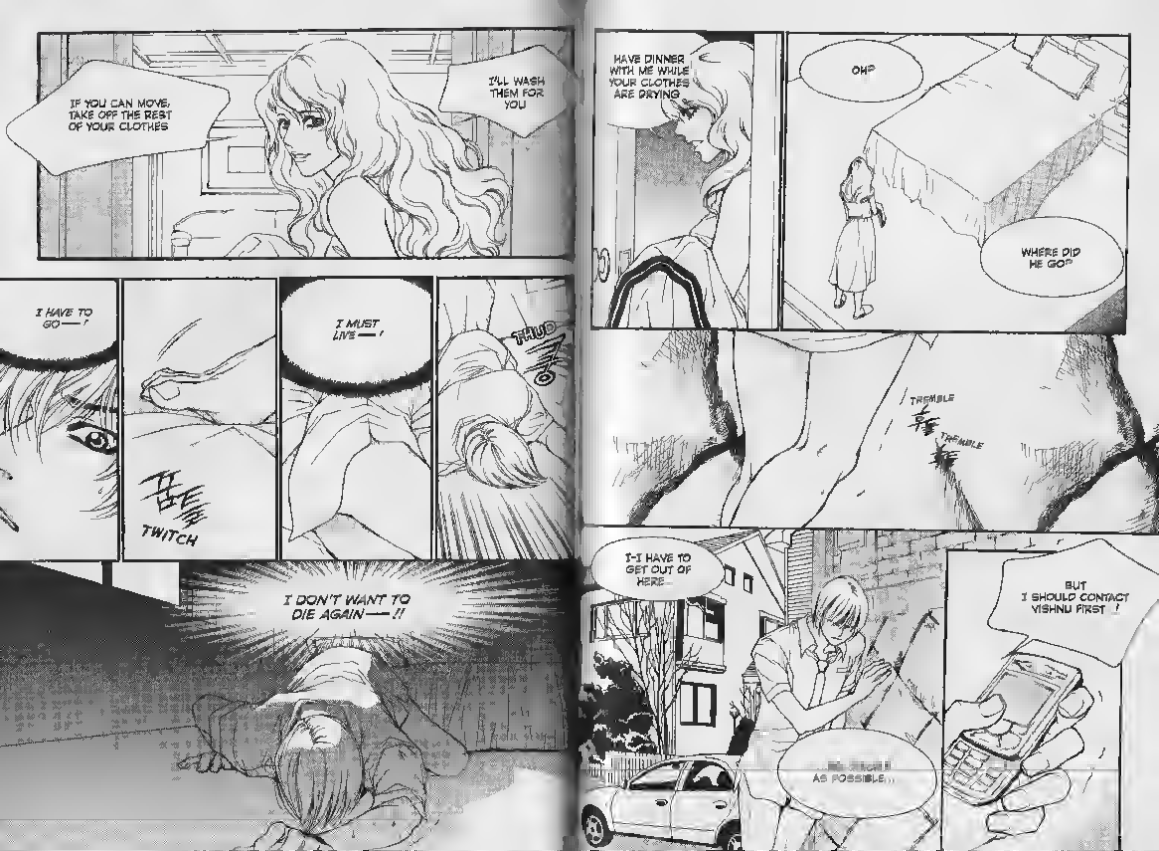

IF YOU CAN MOVE, TAKE OFF THE REST OF YOUR CLOTHES
I'LL WASH THEM FOR YOU
I HAVE TO GO—!
TWITCH
I MUST LIVE—!
THROB
I DON'T WANT TO DIE AGAIN—!!
HAVE DINNER WITH ME WHILE YOUR CLOTHES ARE DRYING
OHP
WHERE DID HE GO?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I-I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE...
AS POSSIBLE...
BUT I SHOULD CONTACT VISHNU FIRST!

SMAT.
ATTER

UH, IL-HO...
I-IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...
YOU AGAIN.
BZZZT
BZZZT
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO INTERRUPTED MY MEDITATION —!
SHI_VAP
D-DID YOU REMEMBER EVERYTHING?

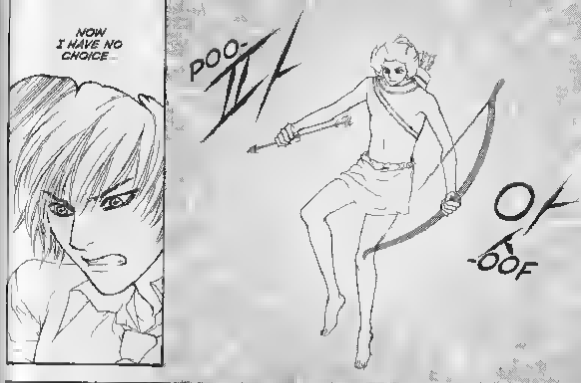
YES—! I NOW RECALL EVERYTHING BECAUSE OF YOU.
THE REASON I WAS REBORN A HUMAN...
KRAKOOOM
...IS TO DESTROY EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD!!

AND YOU SHALL BE THE FIRST ONE TO TURN TO DUST!
FWOO
OOOM
I-I'M DEAD —!
ENERGY IS POURING FROM HIS EYE —!
AHHHH — !!

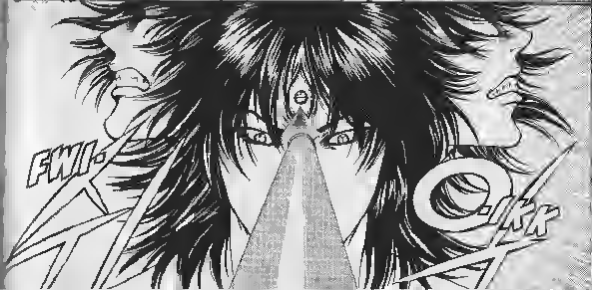
WHOOSH

SHIK

AHHH—! HE IS MOST FEARSOME!
KRA-CHANG
BANG


NOW I HAVE NO CHOICE
POO-
OF
-OOF

...BUT TO SEAL HIS THIRD EYE—!


FWI-
K-K-K

GRRR...NOW DARE YOU..
ARGHHH!
P-PLEASE CALM DOWN, SHIVA—!
WHAK
WHAK
WHAK
AHHH!
I SHALL MAKE YOU RUE THE DAY YOU WERE REBORN—!

WHAK
HEH-HEH-HEH! THERE IS NOWHERE LEFT FOR YOU TO RUN!

INSOLENT WRETCH—! YOU WILL DIE A VIOLENT DEATH!
IT IS QUITE AMUSING TO WATCH YOU STRUGGLE TO LIVE~!
STAB
.....
!
HEH-HEH-HEH —!
ARRRGH —!
OKRRRAK
WH-WHY, YOU.
THUD
WOBBLE

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NOISE!
CHAK
GRAB
G-GAYSP
THIS IS NO FANTASY NOVEL... THIS IS THE REAL THING...
WHOMP
I-IT'S NOT WHAT YOU—!

AH...!
SIS—!
YOU PERYS! WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY SISTER —?
GRAB
I'M GONNA CALL THE COPS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND ANYONE ELSE I CAN THINK OF ON YOU FREAKS!
WAIT THAT'S NOT—
!!!mm
BZZZT
WHOMP
WHAT IS THIS MADNESS

HOW CAN I CLEAN UP THIS MESS
SMOOCH
SMOOCH
MWAH
MWAH
BZZZZT

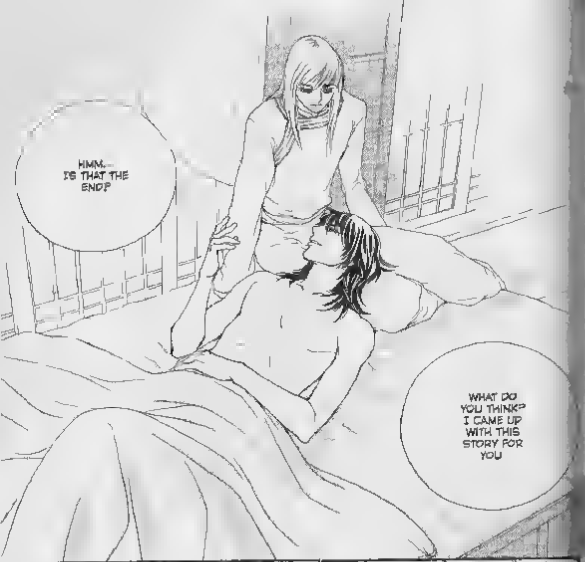
PAT
PAT
BZZT
BZZT
I ONLY HAVE ONE ARROW LEFT
THANKS TO THAT LAST ARROW SHIVA HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ME. SO...
MAKING YUN-HEE FALL FOR HIM NOW WOULD BE MEANINGLESS

AHH, WHATEVER
STAB

VISHNU... IT IS I
NICE WORK KAMA.
HUMANKIND LIVES IN PEACE BECAUSE OF YOU.
I ONLY DID WHAT I HAD TO DO.

SO HOW IS LIFE IN THE ARMY?
I AM VERY WELL.
I HEARD THAT YOU JOINED UP ALONGSIDE SHIVA & AVATAR
PLEASE DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO MAKE SURE SHIVA DOESN'T REALIZE HIS TRUE IDENTITY KAMA— OR SHOULD I SAY PRIVATE SE-HA YUN?

PLEASE DO NOT WORRY
I SHALL NEVER LET HIM OUT OF MY SIGHT
OH AND ONE MORE THING PLEASE TRY NOT TO GET DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT—


HMM... IS THAT THE END?
WHAT DO YOU THINK? I CAME UP WITH THIS STORY FOR YOU

WELL IT WAS FUN...
YOU THINK SO TOO?

BUT IT IS ALSO QUITE
QUITE WHAT?

ABSURD AND CHILDISH
HUH!?
ABSURD—?! CHILDISH—?!

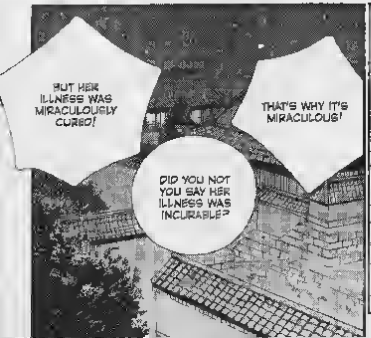
MY STORY'S FAR MORE INTERESTING THAN YOUR GLOOM-AND-DOOM TALES!
IT HAS A HAPPY ENDING! A HAPPY ENDING——!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BROTHER AND SISTER?
WHO?

WASN'T JI-MAN IN LOVE WITH YUN-HEE?
A LOVE BETWEEN A BROTHER AND A SISTER IS A FORBIDDEN ONE

OH JI-MAN WAS ADOPTED BY YUN-HEE'S PARENTS...
AND?

AND YUN-HEE CONTRACTED AN INCURABLE DISEASE
THEN THAT IS NOT A HAPPY ENDING


BUT HER ILLNESS WAS MIRACULOUSLY CURED!
THAT'S WHY IT'S MIRACULOUS!
DID YOU NOT YOU SAY HER ILLNESS WAS INCURABLE?

HE'S IRKED

I UNDERSTAND

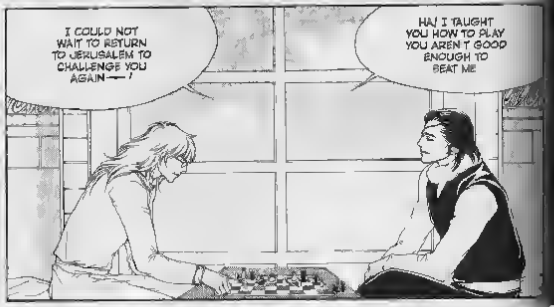
WE EACH HAVE AN ARROW IN OUR HEARTS THAT WE CANNOT REMOVE, RIGHT?

SEHARA.
SULTAN SHAHRYAR

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME, BUT I'M REALLY NERVOUS
STAY STILL

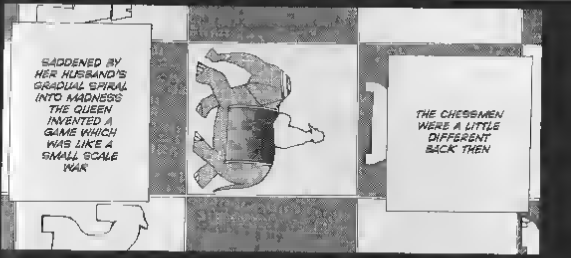
YOUR GAME HAS IMPROVED
MACLEOD
THIS IS A WAR IN MINIATURE
I CANNOT LOSE A GAME OF TACTICS AND STRATEGY

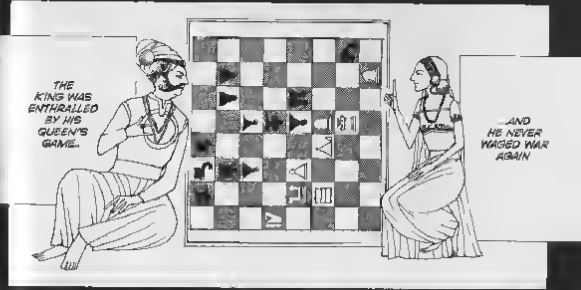
THIS GAME IS QUITE POPULAR AMONG NOBLEMEN IN EUROPE
BUT THERE IS NO MATCH FOR ME THERE


I COULD NOT WAIT TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM TO CHALLENGE YOU AGAIN——!
HA! I TAUGHT YOU HOW TO PLAY YOU AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO BEAT ME

CAN YOU STILL SAY THAT AFTER YOUR NEXT MOVE.
BE QUIET——!
DO YOU KNOW THE ORIGIN OF CHESS?
CHANGING THE SUBJECT, ARE WE...
TAK

THERE WAS A KING FROM MYANMAR WHO WAS OBSESSED WITH WAR.
WAR WAS NOT ONLY A POLITICAL TOOL TO HIM...
HE ENJOYED CONQUERING, KILLING AND WAR ITSELF


SADDENED BY HER HUSBAND'S GRADUAL SPIRAL INTO MADNESS THE QUEEN INVENTED A GAME WHICH WAS LIKE A SMALL SCALE WAR
THE CHESSMEN WERE A LITTLE DIFFERENT BACK THEN

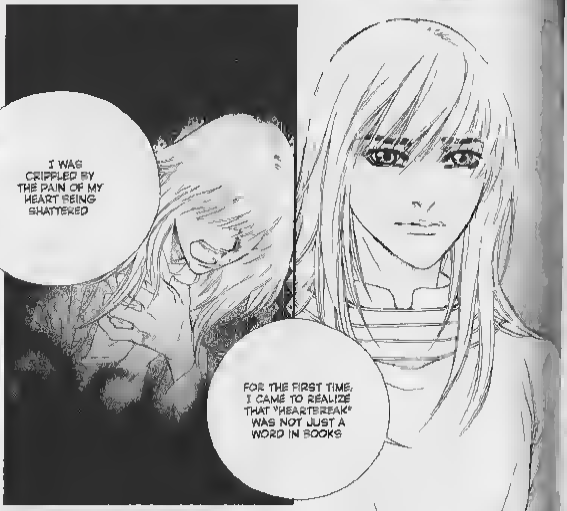

THE KING WAS ENTHRALLED BY HIS QUEEN'S GAME...
...AND HE NEVER WAGED WAR AGAIN

WASN'T THAT KING FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A WISE QUEEN?
THE TRULY LUCKY MAN IS THE SULTAN WHO IS BLESSED WITH A WISE ROYAL BARD...
EL TAK

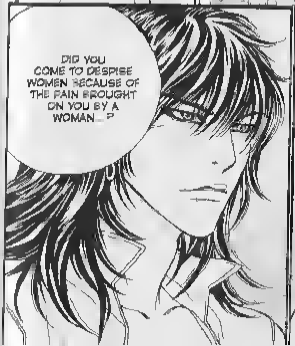
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
YOUR LOSS, IS IT?
SMIRK

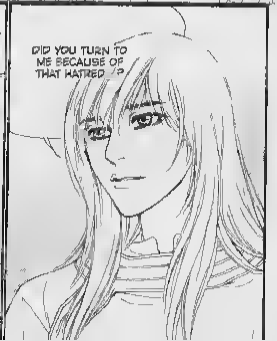
AT FIRST...
IT WAS ALL TO SAVE MY SISTER...
PERHAPS I WAS COCKY TO THINK I COULD TAME THE TYRANT BACK INTO HIS GENTLER SELF
BUT SINCE YOU APPOINTED ME ROYAL BARD...
THE MORE I CAME TO KNOW YOU
PERHAPS I WAS ARROGANT TO BELIEVE THAT I UNDERSTOOD THE THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS OF ANOTHER
YES I WAS COCKY AND ARROGANT
...I STARTED TO FEEL SYMPATHY FOR YOU.
THAT WAS RUDE OF ME RIGHT?
I DID NOT REALIZE THAT MY HEART WAS BEING CONSUMED
BY A MONSTER GROWING WITHIN ME

WHEN I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN ...


I WAS CRIPPLED BY THE PAIN OF MY HEART BEING SHATTERED
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I CAME TO REALIZE THAT "HEARTBREAK" WAS NOT JUST A WORD IN BOOKS

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE RETURNED SAFELY...
MANY THOUGHTS ARE RUNNING THROUGH MY MIND


DID YOU COME TO DESPISE WOMEN BECAUSE OF THE PAIN BROUGHT ON YOU BY A WOMAN...?


DID YOU TURN TO ME BECAUSE OF THAT HATRED...?

WHEN SOME TIME HAS PASSED
...AND YOUR PAIN EASES...
WILL YOU STILL CARE FOR ME THEN?
SEHARA—!

I LOVE YOU.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU'RE A MAN OR A WOMAN
I DON'T HAVE THE LEISURE TO WORRY ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT—!
SULTAN SHAHRYAR

I AM DESPERATE FOR YOU
I CAN'T EVEN THINK STRAIGHT IT'S LIKE THE URGENT DESPERATION OF A MAN GASPING FOR AIR

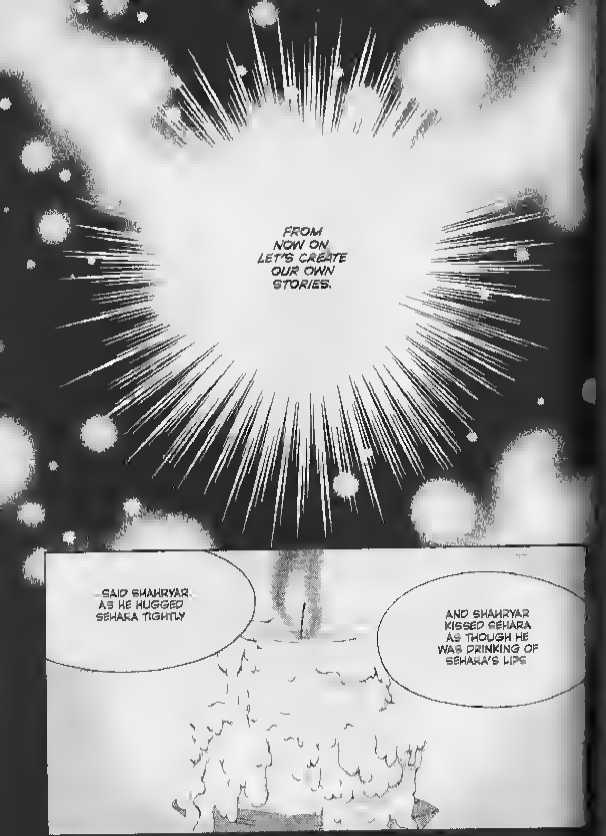
AND NOW EVEN THOUGH I CAN TOUCH YOU
THAT DESPERATION WON'T GO AWAY

DO YOU THINK I'M CRAZY BECAUSE I LOVE A MAN?
YES, I MAY BE CRAZY
SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG WITH ME

BUT...
IF YOU TRY TO FIX ME

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
I WILL NEVER, EVER FORGIVE YOU.
I CANNOT.

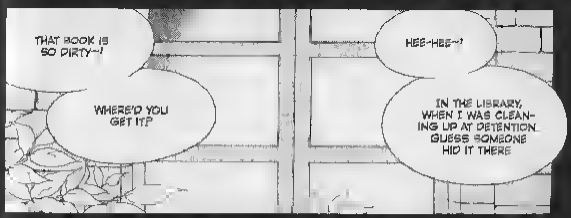
I CANNOT DO SUCH A THING.
BECAUSE...
SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH ME AS WELL.

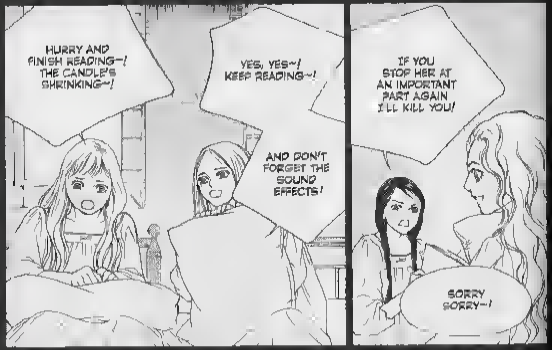

FROM NOW ON, LET'S CREATE OUR OWN STORIES.
SAID SHAHRYAR AS HE HUGGED SEHARA TIGHTLY
AND SHAHRYAR KISSED SEHARA AS THOUGH HE WAS DRINKING OF SEHARA'S LIPS

SEHARA'S BREATH QUICKENED AND SHAHRYAR SWALLOWED HIS BELOVED'S EXHALATIONS LIKE A MAN IN NEED OF AIR

STOP—!

SORRY I NEED TO CATCH MY BREATH
YOU START-ED ME
I'M THE ONE READING THE BOOK SO WHY ARE YOU HUFFING AND PUFFING?
PANT PANT

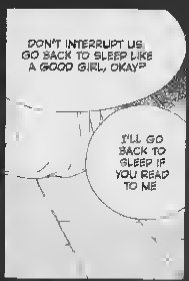

THAT BOOK IS SO DIRTY—!
WHERE'D YOU GET IT?
HEE-HEE—?
IN THE LIBRARY, WHEN I WAS CLEAN-ING UP AT DETENTION. GUESS SOMEONE HID IT THERE


HURRY AND FINISH READING~! THE CANDLE'S SHRINKING~!
YES, YES~! KEEP READING~!
AND DON'T FORGET THE SOUND EFFECTS!
IF YOU STOP HER AT AN IMPORTANT PART AGAIN I'LL KILL YOU!
SORRY SORRY~!

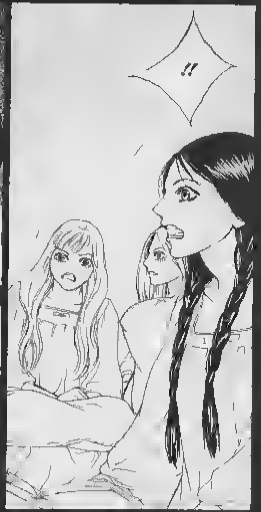
AHEM, AHEM
BOTH SEHARA'S BODY AND MIND MELTED FROM THE HEAT OF SHAHRYAR'S PASSIONATE KISS

SHAHRYAR'S A PRINCE AND
SEHARA'S A PRINCESS?

WHY AREN'T YOU ASLEEP?
READ ME A STORY TOO——!


DON'T INTERRUPT US. GO BACK TO SLEEP LIKE A GOOD GIRL, OKAY?
I'LL GO BACK TO SLEEP IF YOU READ TO ME

IT'S TIME FOR BOTH GOOD GIRLS AND YOUNG LADIES TO GO TO SLEEP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CANDLES WERE SUPPOSED TO BE OUT A LONG TIME AGO. WHAT ARE YOU READING NOW?
UGH...
I'M CONFISCATING THIS FILTH
PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTRAINT BEFORE RETIRING
DAMN. WE WERE ALMOST FINISHED...

CLICK
달칵

DURING THE DAY, SOLDIERS DO BATTLE...
...MERCHANTS SELL THEIR WARES...
...AND FARMERS TILL THE LAND.
BUT WHEN NIGHT FALLS, THEY ALL LISTEN TO STORIES.
THE WORLD IS FORMED OF ONE HALF DAY...
...AND ONE HALF NIGHT

THE END OF ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS THANK YOU!

I was happy to be with you for the duration of *One Thousand and One Nights*

To Writer Jin-Seok Jeon, who was very considerate and made the work go smoothly...

To Editor Ji-Eun Yun, who helped balance our work with love.

To Assistant Kyung-Sun, who did her best under poor work conditions...

To my sister, who worried more about deadlines than I did and helped me any way she could...

To Yun-Hee, Min-Jung, Yun-Kyung, and Ki-Sun, who came to help me whenever I asked, without any complaints.

And most of all, to the readers of *One Thousand and One Nights*...

Thank you all so very much

I feel like I could've done better, but the story ends here...

I had a great time

Thank you ^^

—Seung-Hee Han

One Thousand and One Nights was first published in the eleventh anniversary issue of Wink Magazine. It was in the magazine from July 25, 2004 to August 31, 2007. It had been in the magazine for 1,143 days. During the last three years, I enjoyed the happiest moments of my life as a writer. There was a time I considered quitting writing because the magazines I worked for were discontinued, the series I was working on were cancelled, and I'd made so many other mistakes. But as I went through this difficult time, Editor-in-Chief Sun-Se Oh from Wink reached out to me. Through her I met Seung-Hee Han and Editor Duk-Cheol Yun.

When I was in high school, I used to submit my homemade comics to the fan pages of Wink Magazine. My friends from the manhwa club and I even swore that we would debut in Wink. I'm proud of myself because I'm a writer for Wink now.

I've been touched by the love we've gotten from readers on the Internet. I was also able to see which characters, scenes, and lines were favorites. *One Thousand and One Nights* was the first comic book for girls I ever wrote. Plus, this was about the love between two men... so I gave my friends a hard time while I worked on the series. Please forgive me as I was only doing my best.

I only wrote comics for boys before this, but Sun-Se Oh still selected me for this project. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity. Please feel free to scold me any time I mess up.

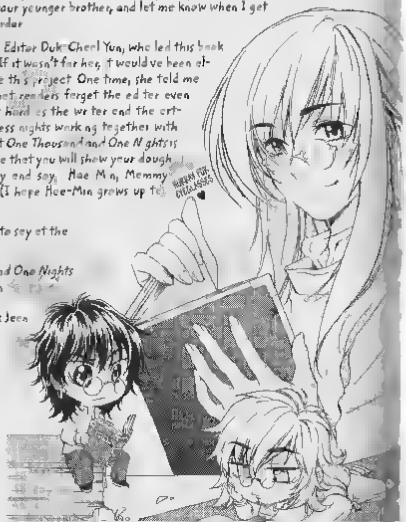
And I would like to thank Seung-Hee Han, who made my lowly story into beautiful art! Please think of me as your younger brother, and let me know when I get wrong. I promise to try harder.

Lastly I would like to thank Editor Duk-Cheol Yun, who led this book to a successful conclusion. If it wasn't for her, it would've been almost impossible to complete this project. One time, she told me that she was a little sad that readers forget the editor even though the editor works as hard as the writer and the artist spending so many sleepless nights working together with them. Please remember that *One Thousand and One Nights* is your book. Editor Yun, I hope that you will show your daughter your bookshelf one day and say, "Hae Min, Mommy made these comic books." (I hope Hee-Min grows up to enjoy BL.)

This is what I really wanted to say at the end of this series.

I dedicate *One Thousand and One Nights* to my editor, Duk-Cheol Yun.

—In-Seok Jeon



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